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FOR THE YEAR

1971

Report presented by:

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TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE AREA DURING 1971

Preface

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the health of the Area during 1971. Included in the Report is the Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

STATISTICS

The Registrar General's mid-year population estimate of 24,240 persons is based upon a preliminary report of the Census 1971. It represents an increase of 740 persons over the previous year's estimate. The Standardised Birth Rate at 15.4 per thousand is a little below the National Average of 16.0. The Standardised Death Rate at 11.1 per thousand is also below the National Average of 11.6. Ten infants died under the age of one year —eight of them were less than a week old—due to Congenital anomolies or birth injuries or difficult labour, giving an infantile mortality rate of 32.0 per 1000 live births, which is above the National Average of ~~24.0~~. 18.0.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Chief Public Health Inspector has reported upon excellent progress made with various sewerage schemes, notably at Lewdown. Provision of a new refuse tip has not yet been resolved, but considerable work was done throughout the year in this connection. Three new public conveniences were provided. Routine inspections of the District amounted to 8,189 visits carried out by your Inspectors. Housing made progress and there was an increase in the number of applications for improvement grants.

Comments about infectious illnesses are given in the appropriate section of this Report.

I wish to thank all members of the staff, and the Council, for their help and encouragement during the year.

JOHN WILDMAN

August, 1972 Medical Officer of Health

SECTION 'A'

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1971

TABLE 1

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

Population

Estimated mid-year population of Tavistock Rural District 24,240 (23.500)

General Statistics (1st April)

Area of Tavistock Rural District in Acres	153,207	
Number of Parishes	26	
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books	8,040	(7,900)
Number of Houses per acre	0·052	(0·052)
Number of Persons per acre	0·158	(0·153)
Number of Persons per house	3.014	(2·975)
Dwellings owned by the Council	1,142	(1,088)
Rateable Value of District	£773,513	(£762,707)
Sum represented by a new Penny Rate	£7,310	(£2,980)
		(old currency)

TABLE 2

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

Births

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15·4	(18·8)
Area Comparability Factor for Births	1·20	(1·20)

Number of Live Births:	Males	Females	Total
Total	167	144	311
Legitimate	161	136	297
Illegitimate	6	8	14
Number of Still Births	0	1	1

Deaths

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	11·1	(10·6)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	0·80	(0·80)

Number of Deaths:	Males	Females	Total
All Ages: Total	171	165	336
Death of Infants under 1 year ...	8	2	10
Number under 4 weeks of age ...	6	2	8
Number under 1 week of age ...	6	2	8

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births ...	32·0	(24·0)

Comparison with Rates for England and Wales

Birth Rate	16·0	(16·0)
Death Rate	11·6	(11·7)
Infantile Mortality Rate (Infants under 1 year of age)	18·0	(18·0)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases – Cases Notified During 1971

TABLE 1

Disease	Total	Age Group in Years					
		Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65
Measles	35	2	15	18	0	0	0
Dysentery	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis (Lungs) .	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory) .	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

TABLE 2

Disease	Total	Incidence by Quarters			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Measles	35	33	1	0	1
Dysentery	2	2	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs) .	2	1	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory) .	1	0	1	0	0

Tuberculosis—Chest Radiography Service

A report on the surveys carried out in 1971 is as follows:—

Bedford Square, Tavistock	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
Number examined (includes 38 G.P. referrals)	205	254	459
Healed pulmonary tuberculosis	1	1	2
Acquired cardiac lesions	1	1	2
Pneumoconiosis	1	0	1
Bacterial and Virus infections of the lungs ...	0	2	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1	2
Kypho Scoliosis	0	1	1

Infections Common to Farm Animals and Man

Amongst the four Rural Districts of South West Devon (Kingsbridge, Plympton, Tavistock, Totnes) a total of 49 outbreaks of **Salmonella** infection and 6 outbreaks of **Brucellosis** were reported in 1971.

District		Salmonellosis	Brucellosis
Kingsbridge Rural District	...	14	2
Plympton Rural District	...	15	1
Tavistock Rural District	...	10	0
Totnes Rural District	...	10	3
	Total	49	6

This is a marked improvement since 1970 when there were 100 outbreaks of Salmonellosis and 10 outbreaks of Brucellosis.

Forty-eight of the Salmonella outbreaks were due to **Salmonella dublin** and one outbreak was due to **Salmonella typhimurium.** No human illness resulted from these infections.

In the Brucellosis outbreaks all the milk was sent to a Creamery for pasteurisation which rendered it safe, but at one farm in the Totnes Rural District where the family drank raw milk, three persons went down with Brucellosis.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

It was necessary in February 1971 to obtain a Magistrates Order to remove an elderly lady from her cottage at Lydford, into hospital at Plymouth. She lived alone in appalling circumstances and was very ill with cancer but refused medical treatment. Great efforts were made by her doctor, the nurse, and the Social Services department to persuade her to receive hospital treatment and it was only as a last resort that the National Assistance Act was involved. She died in hospital some three weeks later.

No burials took place under Section 50 of the Act.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1971

Cause	Male	Female	Total
B4 Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	0	1	1
B6 (1) Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	1	0	1
B6 (2) Other Tuberculosis	0	1	1
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	0	1
B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	1	2
B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	7	11
B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	7	4	11
B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	11	4	15
B19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	7	7
B19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	2	2
B19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	—	3
B19 (10) Leukaemia	1	1	2
B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	12	8	20
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	0	1
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	6	5	11
B46 (1) Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	0	1
B23 Anaemias	0	2	2
B46 (2) Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	0	1	1
B46 (4) Multiple Sclerosis	0	1	1
B46 (5) Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	0	2
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	0	1	1
B27 Hypertensive Disease	3	1	4
B28 Iscaemic Heart Disease	55	41	96
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	9	11
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	14	27	41
B46 (6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	5	11
B32 Pneumonia	13	12	25
B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	10	5	15
B33 (2) Asthma	1	0	1
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	1	0	1
B46 (8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	3	3
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	1	1
B46 (9) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	0	1
B46 (11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	0	1	1
B42 Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	4	0	4
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
B45 Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	1	3	4
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	3
BE48 All other Accidents	0	6	6
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	4	0	4
BE50 All other External Causes	0	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	171	165	336

SECTION 'B'

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Plymouth (Telephone: Plymouth 63997).

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The folowing are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act. 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Ambulance Service

The Ambulance Service in the Tavistock Rural District is radio controlled from headquarters at Plympton (Telephone: Plymouth 36414). It is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. Except in emergency, an Ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

There are a Senior Nursing Officer and eight District Nurses and Midwifes and three Health Visitors. There are four Welfare Centres:

D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 2617)
Methodist Schoolroom, Horrabridge
Ladies' Club, Princetown
The Lifton Primary School Annexe (Old Police Station).

Vaccinations, Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents.

First Friday in each month: Tavistock—morning and afternoon
First Monday in each month: Horrabridge—afternoon
Second Wednesday in each month: Lifton afternoon
Fourth Wednesday in each month: Princetown—afternoon

Chiropody Service

A County Council Chiropodist operates a Foot Clinic at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (Telephone: Tavistock 3533). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mother who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Health Centre

Plans for a Health Centre at Yelverton in 1971, were approved.

Hospital Services

The Rural District is served by the Plymouth and District Hospital Management Committee and there are hospitals at Plymouth and Tavistock.

General Practitioner, Medical and Dental Services

There are thirteen General Medical Practitioners and five Dentists in the Tavistock area. The School Dental Clinic is at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock. (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (Devon County Council)

This operates from premises at Guildhall Square, Tavistock, (Telephone Tavistock 3231).

Application for the following services should be made to the Area Director of Social Services at the above address:—

Home and Domestic Help:

A charge may be made according to the County Councils assessment scale.

Social work help or hospital treatment on the recommendation of a medical Practitioner for persons suffering from mental illness or subnormality.

Social work services to schools:

Help for children deprived of a normal home life

Playgroups or child minders

Help for physically handicapped, blind and aged persons and homeless families

Occupational Therapy

Meals on Wheels

This is still operated by the W.R.V.S. Inquiries in the first instance should be made to Tavistock 2310. The meals in Tavistock are cooked at Harewood House, and in the rural areas at the helpers' own kitchens.

OTHER SERVICES

There is a Rest Room for the elderly in Duke Street, Tavistock, run by a Voluntary Committee.

There is one Old People's Home, Harewood House, Plymouth Road, Tavistock, run by the Devon County Council.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Tavistock are arranged by the B.R.C.S.. Red Cross House, West Street, Tavistock.

Cytology Clinic Sessions for the early detection of cancer in women are held each month at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock. (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

The Devon County Council hold a Family Planning Clinic twice a month at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock. (Telephone: Tavistock 2617).

SECTION 'C'

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The North Devon Water Board and the Plymouth Corporation both supply water to the District:

The Chief Engineer (South) to the North Devon Water Board has submitted the following report for inclusion herein:—

"The supply to this area is mainly derived from the West Okement River, the water receiving treatment in the form of sedimentation, filtration, pH correction and sterilization at Prewley Treatment Works.

This supply is supplemented in the Tavistock Parish by water from springs adjacent to the Wallabrook River which run into collecting chambers, the water then being piped to Kilworthy Treatment Works where it receives treatment in the form of filtration, pH correction and sterilization.

The source at Prewley was augmented during the summer by pumping from an emergency source at Meldon Lake, and an additional supply was obtained from Plymouth Corporation Waterworks through a temporary overland main, which supplied the Horrabridge area and relieved the high demand on Brentor Service reservoir, where extreme difficulty was experienced in maintaining levels.

It was necessary to apply hosepipe restrictions from the 21st April, 1971 to the 22nd November, 1971, in areas supplied from the Board's Dartmoor sources, and an Emergency Drought Order was introduced on the West Okement River with effect from the 13th May, 1971, which enabled the Board to reduce the prescribed flow in this river.

An additional Drought Order was introduced on 12th August, 1971, which enabled the Board to reduce the flow in the West Okement still further and also reduce the flow in the River Taw.

Emergency powers were granted to the Board for the erection of standpipes to reduce demand on the system, but fortunately rationing was made unnecessary by the ending of the dry period.

The Meldon Dam project which was commenced in March 1970, has made satisfactory progress during the past year and is ahead of programme.

Mains extensions and water supply schemes to serve housing developments have been undertaken where required, and the distribution system has been maintained in good order.

Satisfactory chemical and bacteriological samples, taken at regular intervals, have been obtained.

Details of Properties Supplied by the North Devon Water Board in the Tavistock Rural District at 31st December, 1971

Parish	*Number of Domestic Properties*	*Number of Farms*	*Number of other Metered Supplies*	*Total Properties*	*Population Supplied (estimated)*
Bere Ferrers .	850	35	51	936	2828
Brentor . .	89	14	11	114	342
Bradstone . .	—	—	—	—	—
Coryton . .	3	2	1	6	18
Dunterton .	—	—	—	—	—
Horrabridge (p.t.)	175	6	2	183	549
Kelly . .	8	2	2	12	39
Lamerton . .	143	35	7	185	555
Lewtrenchard .	49	13	9	71	215
Lifton .	315	18	20	353	1066
Lydford (p.t.) .	112	11	8	131	393
Marystowe .	15	5	2	22	66
Mary Tavy .	235	11	16	262	793
Milton Abbot .	94	14	4	112	346
Peter Tavy .	68	5	1	74	223
Sampford Spiney	37	5	1	43	129
Stowford .	32	12	5	49	148
Sydenham Damarel .	22	8	8	38	114
Tavistock .	2546	2	13	2561	7633
Tavistock Hamlets .	110	29	8	147	441
Thrushelton .	9	9	1	19	57
Whitchurch .	64	6	2	72	217
TOTAL .	4976	242	172	5390	16172

The Plymouth Corporation supply comes from various sources at Princetown Dousland and Burrator.

Details of Properties Supplied by the City of Plymouth Water Department in the Tavistock Rural District at 31st December, 1971

Parish	*Number of Dwellings*	*Population Supplied (estimated)*
Buckland Monachorum .	942	2947
Horrabridge (part) . .	354	1142
Lydford Forest . . .	110	—
Meavy	184	619
Sheepstor . . .	13	53
Walkhampton . . .	176	682

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The year saw the completion of two long sought after projects, viz. the connection of the Axtown Tanks via 6-in. diameter sewer to the Stokehill Treatment Works, and installation of the Contact Stabilisation Plant at Lewdown. This latter works utilising the principal of extended aeration of raw sewage, allied to the recirculation and aeration of the sludge, is the first plant of its type in the Rural District. The advantages of this type of equipment over a conventional works, advantages which can result in lower capital and running costs, a reduced area of land required and a lower sludge production, will ensure its continued use in this area where appropriate. By the end of the year, plans were well in hand to instal works utilizing the concept of Contact Stabilisation for Buckland Monachorum.

Preparatory work was started on sewerage schemes for the Villages of Lifton, Tinhay and for the Village of Lydford.

Approval has been obtained for the replacement of the Syphon across the Tavy, and the work on this is expected to start in 1972.

The Council's Consulting Engineer's with the aid of Closed Circuit T.V., carried out survey work on the older sewers in Tavistock, and the information obtained from this will be utilised in the scheme for reducing surface water infiltration. If all goes well this scheme should commence in 1972.

As one might expect there were the usual crop of choked sewers, but these were dealt with as they arose.

Survey work by the Work Study Unit of Devon County Council took place with the object of introducing an incentive bonus scheme for the manual staff. It is hoped that the introduction of such a bonus scheme will not only result in higher wages for the staff but will assist in curtailing the ever spiralling costs in maintaining this service.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

As in the sewerage service, a survey to introduce an "Incentive Bonus Scheme" has taken place.

Considerable work was done throughout the year on a new tipping site for the District, with interest centering on Wilminstone Quarry and although the Local Government Re-organisation Bill indicated that Refuse Disposal was to be a function of the County Council, the Report provided some useful guide lines on the future use of the Quarry relative to the Refuse Disposal needs of this area, irrespective of the operating Authority.

Two of the refuse vehicles underwent extensive overhauls by the Manufacturers Agents, and this should ensure further satisfactory service.

In November the new Shelvoke and Drewry Revopak Refuse Vehicle was delivered and it is hoped that the arrival of this vehicle will finally do away with the out-dated open top lorry which has still been in use for the collection of trade refuse in the Parish of Tavistock.

The Council still operates two tips, one at Crowndale and the other at Coryton. During the summer months the Coryton Tip was closed down, since it was felt that satisfactory control could not be ensured.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Completions took place at Brentor, in the Spring, Canal Road, in the Summer, and the Guildhall extension in the late Autumn. These last two Conveniences include facilities for the disabled.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

The following table shows the number of visits in connection with various routine work in addition to maintenance work shown under the various sections:—

	1970	1971
Public Health Acts	217	259
Drains	151	152
Drain Tests	212	181
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	402	436
Refuse Collection and Tips	252	247
Public Conveniences	153	233
Rodent Control	583	389
Water Supplies	121	142
Housing Acts	293	234
Grants	424	548
Food and Drugs Act	151	316
Meat Inspection	464	431
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act ...	140	70
Civic Amenities Act	107	127
Caravan Sites Act	32	39
Petroleum Acts	11	32
Planning Acts	625	501
Building Regulations	853	763
Capital Works	98	557
Council Houses	1726	1814
Swimming Pool	59	84
Other Council Properties	154	194
Animal Boarding Establishments	—	—
Swill Boiling Plants	7	—
Slaughter of Poultry	—	12
Miscellaneous	183	428
	7418	8189
Number of Plans Submitted	641	790

SECTION "D"

HOUSING

Nineteen Council Houses were completed and taken over during the year and at 31st December. 1971 there were 14 dwellings under construction for the Council.

Private enterprise building showed a marked increase over 1970 there being 184 houses completed compared with 79 in 1970. At the 31st December 1971 there were 142 houses under construction.

The Housing Act of 1969 was supplemented during the year by the Housing Act 1971. This Act increased the maximum limit for grants in this area from 50 to 75%, and it is probable that the massive publicity given by the Central Government to this new measure will result in a considerable upswing in the number of grant applications in the coming year.

During this year 41 (39) applications for Improvement Grants were approved by this Council the aggregate approved expense being £40,665 (£40,594) and the aggregate grant being £25,504 (£19,905).

Thirty-eight (38) Standard Grants were approved with an aggregate grant of £9,492 (£8,445), 24 (17) of these applications being within the normal limits and 14 (21) had higher limits.

Twenty-two (12) Improvement Grants were paid amounting to £9,348 (£3.502), 45 (43) Standard Grants were paid towards the cost of providing 41 (42) baths, 42 (42) wash hand basins, 44 (43) hot water supplies, 40 (39) water closets and 17 (3) sinks. Additional grant being paid towards the provision of 17 (15) baths in bathrooms, 10 (15) septic tanks and 5 (1) piped water supplies. Total amount of Standard Grant paid amounted to £8,655 (£6,901).

Following the publication of the 1971 Housing Bill a provisional list of Council Houses which lacked amenities was prepared and schemes approved covering 34 houses. Work was started on 5 of the houses with the remaining 29 scheduled for commencement early in 1972. A survey was undertaken of the Council's housing stock and a programme approved embracing a further 215 houses, and as many as possible of these will be brought to modern standards within the time limit set by the 1971 Housing Act.

One dwelling was represented as being unfit under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957 and a Demolition Order was made.

The Council continued to implement the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1923 and Section 43 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 as amended 16 (22) applications being approved 2 (7) of which were subsequently withdrawn.

Waiting List for Council House Accommodation at 31st December, 1971

Locality	*Total on Waiting List*	*Agricultural*	*Non Agricultural*	*Retirement Pensioners*	*No. with Separate Homes*
Bere Alston .	30	5	23	2	20
Bere Ferrers .	1	—	1	—	1
Brentor .	1	1	—	—	1
Chillaton	3	2	1	—	2
Buckland Monachorum .	11	2	6	3	8
Grenofen . .	—	—	—	—	—
Horrabridge .	31	1	21	9	27
Lamerton . .	5	1	2	2	5
Lewdown, Kelly and Stowford .	4	1	3	—	2
Lifton . .	8	2	5	1	6
Lydford . .	—	—	—	—	—
Mary Tavy .	3	—	3	—	2
Meavy . .	5	1	4	—	4
Milton Abbot .	2	1	1	—	2
Peter Tavy .	2	1	1	—	2
Princetown .	7	—	7	—	6
Sampford Spiney . .	—	—	—	—	—
Tavistock .	117	4	81	32	104
Walkhampton .	7	—	5	2	5
Yelverton .	22	—	14	8	18
Miscellaneous	3	—	3	—	1
Total .	262	22	181	59	216

Council Houses in the Rural District at 31st December, 1971

Parish	*Locality*	*Number of Dwellings*	*Total Number in Parish*
Bere Ferrers	Bere Alston	153	
	Bere Ferrers	10	163
Bradstone	—	—	—
Brentor	Brentor	14	14
Buckland Monachorum	Yelverton	8	—
	Buckland	50	58
Coryton	—	—	—
Dunterton	—	—	—
Horrabridge	Horrabridge	125	125
Kelly	Kelly	2	2
Lamerton	Lamerton	36	36
Lewtrenchard	—	—	—
Lifton	Lifton	63	63
Lydford	Lydford	9	—
	Princetown	24	33
Marystowe	Near Lewdown	3	3
Mary Tavy	Mary Tavy	42	42
Meavy	Meavy	12	12
Milton Abbot	Chillaton	16	—
	Milton Abbot	8	24
Peter Tavy	Peter Tavy	14	14
Sampford Spiney	Sampford Spiney	8	8
Sheepstor	—	—	—
Stowford	Stowford	4	4
Sydenham Damarel	—	—	—
Tavistock	Tavistock	489	489
Tavistock Hamlets	—	3	3
Thrustelton	Lobhill	2	2
Walkhampton	Walkhampton	39	39
Whitchurch	Grenofen	8	8
		Total	1142

SECTION "E"

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Hygiene visits continued to take place throughout the year and close attention was given to the many itinerant traders that frequent this area.

The customary inspection of all food stalls at the Goose Fair took place. and as a result of this, the Council has one case pending against a Trader.

The principal food premises in the District are:—

Canteens	28
Fishmongers	4
Butchers	31
Dairies	14
General Stores	110
Bakehouses	7
Hotels and Guest Houses	57
Public Houses	44
Restaurants	36
Manufacturing Premises	7

MEAT INSPECTION

Considerable discussion took place between the Officers of this Department and the owners and occupiers of the Slaughter House in Tavistock, and it is hoped that the outcome of this will result in major works of improvement being carried out at the Abattoir in Tavistock.

A total of 19,780 animals were killed and inspected involving 431 visits to the slaughter houses.

Full details of the animals killed and inspected and the carcasses and part of organs condemned are shown in the following table:—

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*
Number Killed (if known)	2469	273	66	5042	11930
Number inspected .	2469	273	66	5042	11930
All diseases ex. Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: whole carcases condemned . .	9	19	10	45	35
carcases of which some part or organ was condemned . .	262	51	—	560	303
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	11%	25.6%	15.2%	12.00%	2.8%
Tuberculosis only: whole carcases condemned . .	—	—	—	—	—
carcases of which some part or organ was condemned . .	—	—	—	—	49
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .	—	—	—	—	0.4
Cysticercosis: carcases of which some part or organ was condemned . .	4	—	—	—	—
carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration . .	4	—	—	—	—
generalised and totally condemned . .	—	—	—	—	—

SECTION "F"

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information in respect of the year 1971.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power (sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

Number on Register	6
Inspections	2
Written Notices	—
Occupiers Prosecuted	—

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power (section 7)

Number on Register	70
Inspections	3
Written Notices	—
Occupiers Prosecuted	—

(iii) Other premises under the Act (section 7)

Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction. (but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

Number on Register	29
Inspections	0
Written Notices	—
Occupiers Prosecuted	—

2. **Cases in which Defects were found:**

Particulars (1)	*Number of cases in which defects were found*				*Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted* (6)
	Found (2)	*Remedied* (3)	*Referred to H.M. Inspector* (4)	*Referred by H.M. Inspector* (5)	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding .	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature .	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient .	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes .	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including Outwork) .	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL .	—	—	—	—	—

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	Number of Out-workers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c)	*Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council*	*Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists*	*Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises*	*Notices served*	*Prosecutions*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	32	—	—	—	—	—